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SUBJECT: MADRID'S FIRST WOMEN'S DEMONSTRATION

1. IN A NEW TWIST, A WOMEN'S GROUP, OBSERVED BY EMBOFF, DEMONSTRATED JAN 15 AND TWICE WAS DISPERSED BY POLICE WHEN THEY BEGAN TO BLOCK TRAFFIC ON ONE OF THE MAIN SHOPPING STREETS OF MADRID. AFTER THE FIRST DISPERSAL THE SEVERAL HUNDRED DEMONSTRATORS, MOSTLY YOUNG, MOVED ON. AT THE NEXT MAJOR INTERSECTION THEY WERE AGAIN DISPERSED, THIS TIME BY TEAR-GAS. ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL PRESS AGENCY, CIFRA, THREE OF THE DEMONSTRATORS REACHED THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE BUILDING

IN AN ATTEMPT TO PRESENT A PETITION. THE POLICE CONTENTED THEMSELVES WITH FOLLOWING THE DEMONSTRATORS AND WITH THE USE OF TEAR-GAS TO KEEP THEM MOVING.

2. "YA" (CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT) AND "ABC" (MONARCHIST), REPORTED THE DEMONSTRATION QUITE ACCURATELY, HOWEVER, "ARRIBA" (NATIONAL MOVEMENT) SERIOUSLY OVERESTIMATED THE SIZE OF THE CROWD, GIVING 2000 AS THE NUMBER PRESENT. "ARRIBA" WAS ALSO WRONG IN SAYING THAT MANY ARRESTS WERE MADE AND ALONE IN ASSERTING THAT THE ORGANIZERS CAME FROM THE ILLEGAL OPPOSITION.
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